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Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I think this question has been answered more than once."

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" I may again give the answer to the hon. Member, Sir. Some of the contingent workers may come under the definition of permanent workers having regard to the length of the period of their service. It is a question which is under consideration separately as to which of them should be taken as equivalent to permanent workers and which as mere contingent workers."

Cars for Ministers.

* 73 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Ministers have been provided with cars by the Government; and

(*b*) how many of them, so provided, had their own cars before?

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) All the thirteen Ministers have been provided with motor cars.

" (*b*) Five had cars of their own and the rest had no cars before."

Sri M. D. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the total cost involved in the purchase of these cars?"

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" I take notice of this and shall furnish the information to the hon. Member."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB Bahadur :—" Sir, permits have been given to certain persons for the purchase of cars, but the Hon. Minister for Transport has requisitioned these cars and thereby decreased the number of cars available for people who have permits already."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" It does not arise out of this question."

The number and distribution of spindles allotted to the Province.

* 74 *Q.*—Sri O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of spindles, fine and coarse, allotted to the Madras Province by the Government of India;

(*b*) how they have been distributed;

(*c*) whether any principles were observed in the distribution; and

(*d*) how many handlooms are working throughout the Province and how many looms are manufacturing lungis, giving particulars districtwar?

The Hon. Sri V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) The number of spindles allotted to this Province by the Government of India is as follows :—

Fine	152,000
Coarse	200,000
Total ...	352,000

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" (*b*) They have been distributed as shown below :—

For nine cases of extensions or replacements of existing mills in the districts of Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and Madura.	Coarse	9,000
	Fine	58,300
	Total ..	67,300
For twenty-five new mills in the districts of Bellary, Cuddapah, Anantapur, Kurnool, Tinnevelly, Ramnad, East Godavari, Kistna, Madura, Malabar, Trichinopoly, North Arcot, Coimbatore and Guntur.	Coarse	186,200
	Fine	98,500
	Total ..	284,700
	Grand total ..	352,000

NOTE.—The Government of India have stated that there is no objection to increasing the allotment under fine spindles provided that the total allotment is not exceeded. The number of fine spindles as distributed exceeds slightly the number allotted while there is a corresponding decrease in the number of coarse spindles.

" (*c*) The following points were taken into consideration when distributing the spindles :—

(1) Areas grown with cotton and the several varieties of it.

(2) Availability of skilled labour especially for the production of fine counts of yarn.

(3) Regionalization of the cotton textile industry within the Province.

(4) Requirements of machinery for replacements or extensions of existing mills.

(5) Special consideration for certain backward areas like the Ceded Districts.

" (*d*) A statement showing the total number of looms and the number of looms working on lungies and kailies is furnished below :—

District.	Total number of looms.	Approximate number of looms on lungies and kailis.
1 Vizagapatam	27,169	..
2 East Godavari	18,900	..
3 West Godavari	7,909	..
4 Kistna	7,821	..
5 Guntur	22,447	..
6 Nellore	13,051	1,000 *
7 Chittoor	15,935	1,500 †
8 North Arcot	38,856	24,000
9 Chingleput	30,684	20,000
10 South Arcot	24,438	18,000
11 Madras	3,714	3,500
12 Cuddapah	19,932	..
13 Anantapur	10,525	..
14 Bellary	14,079	..
15 Kurnool	8,757	..
16 Salem	65,073	..
17 Coimbatore	28,113	..
18 Tanjore	10,415	..
19 Trichinopoly	14,070	..

* Sulurpet and Venkatagiri areas. † Nagari and Kalahasti areas.

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District.	Total number of looms.	Approximate number of looms on lungies and kailies.
20 Madura	24,367	..
21 Ramnad	25,830	..
22 Tinnevelly	30,126	12,000*
23 Malabar	28,235	..
24 South Kanara	5,497	..
	495,943	80,000

* Mostly Melapalaiyam area.

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that the Madras Government recommended applications for capital issues and spindles before the quota was allotted by the Government of India and on account of that procedure many people who applied subsequently have not been able to get any quota? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I am not aware of it. I shall certainly enquire and inform the hon. Member about it."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it a fact that other provinces to which quotas have been allotted have not been able to take them? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I take the information given by the hon. Member."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to see that the unused quotas of other provinces are diverted to this Province by the Government of India in view of the great scope that exists in the Province? "

THE HON. SRI V. V.GIRI :—" The Government will be very glad to go into the matter."

Working conditions in industrial undertakings.

* 75 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in regard to many essential points relating to the working conditions in industrial undertakings, powers are vested in Provincial Governments;

(*b*) whether the Government have examined all Acts of the Central Government with a view to apply the provisions for the enforcement of which the Provincial Governments are vested with powers; and

(*c*) whether there are still enactments of the Central Government in which the Provincial Government have not used the powers vested in them?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) No."